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RECENT LITERATURE.

The Apodidæ.¹—This, one of the latest of the "Nature Series," is not up to its predecessors either in accuracy of statement or suggestiveness of matter. The author, starting off with the intention of working up the comparative anatomy of this family of phyllopod crustacea, has been led to regard them as all-important in phylogenetic speculations, but, unfortunately, the good points of his volume are not original, while the original portions cannot be praised. Thus the central position of the Phyllopods in the Crustacean branch was recognized long ago, while the comparison of the foot of the Apus with the parapodium of a Polychæte worm was made long before Bernard entered the field of zoology. On the other hand the special studies of Mr. Bernard have led him to regard the differences between the annelids and Apus as of extremely minor importance. All you have to do, says he in effect, is to bend the anterior end of a carnivorous annelid back upon itself to produce this portion of Apus, and the thing is done. Resemblances are magnified and differences are minimized or ignored, and presto! Apus is the all-important arthropod. The name of Macmillan & Co. is so uniformly associated with only first-class works that we were surprised to see it on the present volume.

Darwin, and After Darwin; I, The Darwinian Theory, by GEORGE JOHN ROMANES.²—Romanes has devoted the best years of his life to the defence of the evolutionary faith and to making himself acquainted with, advocating, and extending Darwin's ideas. The present work consists of two volumes, viz., "The Darwinian Theory," and "Post-Darwinian Questions." The latter, soon to be issued, is to treat of heredity, utility, isolation, etc., which have become prominent since the death of Darwin. The former is a systematic exposition of the Darwinism of Darwin. It gives a résumé of the evidence, as it is known at present from classification, Morphology, Embryology, Paleontology, and Geographical Distribution, and includes a full discussion of the Theories of Natural and of Sexual Selection. It is a neat volume of 460 pages, fully

¹The Apodidæ. A morphological study, by Henry Meyners Bernard. London and New York. Macmillan & Co., 1892.

²Chicago. The Open Court Publishing Company, 1892.